

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Project collection will be taken 27th/28th weekend. Please pick up the envelopes for this. Thank you.

Parish Auction Fundraising and Entertainment Evening on Saturday 25th October @ 6pm. Doors open from 5pm. This event is to help sponsor our Parish Outreach Services.

- A highlight of the evening is **10 sponsored tables** at **£200 per table of 8**. Families/Friends should please sponsor and take up the limited tables. Notify the Parish Office. The single tickets for the event are now on sale: £20 ticket only **40 tickets available**.
- The fundraising is for the following services:
- Daily breakfast for approximately 30 people
- Weekly lunch for approximately 40 people
- About 70 food parcels per week

These services cost over £5,000 a year to run. The needs are increasing, so it has become necessary to appeal for support from our community. We are pleased to invite you to an evening of entertainment, featuring our Jazz band, the auctioned items, raffle tickets and **sponsorship forms for individuals, workplaces/companies who would like to offer their support are ready, ask in the parish office for it.** Every little helps.

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Sept. 28th, Oct. 5th, 19, Nov. 9th, 23rd, 30th **Enrolment Mass @11.30am**, Dec. 7th, 14th. More dates to be announced. **All should please register before 30th November, no one will be taken after the enrolment Mass.**

Spiritans Youth Concert: This will take place on the **25th October** and doors will open at 9am. It will be refreshing to worship God

through praise and worship. Kindly scan the QR code on the poster in the porch for your **free tickets**.

Secondary Schools Open Days Events:

LaSainte Union (LSU): September 30th, October 14th & 16th, visit <https://www.lasainteunion.org.uk/Admissions/Open-Day>
Finchley Catholic Boys (FCHS): September 30th 5pm-7pm

100 Club Draw: The next draw is on **Friday 3rd October after the First Friday Service**. Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 29th/30th September. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!** Application forms at the back of the church.

Donations: Thank you to those who always respond. We are now taking in food items for our friends at the door, such as biscuits, soups, fizzy drinks, tea & coffee, sardines, pot noodles and any food on the go. We appreciate this donations. Thank you and God bless.

Christian Stewardship: 21st September 2025

Envelopes: £181 **Loose:** £378.62. We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. In the meantime, anyone who wants to make a donation can pay into the parish account with the details provided below.

WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway
Sort Code: 40-05-20 **Account No:** 01097024
 OR

Scan this QR Code here, the ones on the benches and on the notice board.



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+ 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time C

28th September 2025

We welcome all to today's mass especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

The prophet Amos preached long before Christ came; behind the glitter of political and religious life of the time, he could observe a world of injustice and exploitation of the poor. Though he wrote his disapproval then, they sound perfectly familiar to anyone living in any prosperous city today. Cheating on weights and measures, tampering with scales, inflating the value of goods and deflating the value of money, buying up the poor for money, finding someone gullible enough to pay for what is basically trash! In over 2,000 years of "civilisation" and "religion", hardly anything has changed. In our capitalist society built on competitiveness, it seems to be an accepted norm to have winners and losers. Indeed, many of us Christians have dire need to become more aware of what Christian love and compassion actually entails. It can never be accepted as "normal" for people to live in inadequate housing, to have to work in intolerable conditions, to have to work twelve or more hours a day seven days a week just to make ends meet, to have to endure hunger, malnutrition over long periods, to have to sell their bodies in prostitution or near slavery! Nor can it be accepted as "normal" that others live in comfort and luxury, while people live in such deplorable conditions. No Christian who is worth the name can accept such a situation or, still less, be a contributor to such imbalances. Unfortunately, wittingly or unwittingly many of us are contributors. We show it by the frenzy to climb to the top and pushing our children to do as much. While we can't advocate for total equality, on the level of dignity and rights, no one can claim superiority over another person. Any diminution of human dignity cannot be tolerated by the conscientious and loving Christian. Granted that some have been given more talents than others, these gifts are to be used not to get more for oneself but to offer more for the building up of the Kingdom community. The greater our gifts, the greater our responsibility to share them with those who have less. That is why Jesus used the metaphor of the steward in today's Gospel to remind us that we are the stewards and never the owners of what we possess. We have no absolute right to anything we have. The question of a successful life is not "How much did you make?" but "How did you use what you had constructively for the common good?" That is the way to make the friends Jesus talks about in the Gospel.

Mass Times & Intentions 28th September – 4th October 2025

Sat 27th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Anna Doherty, Irene Ginty, Albert Lane, Tina Burns, Joe Burke (RIP)

Sun 28th 9:00am: Mary Hooper, Lina Piroli (RIP), Essien-Oku Family, Odeyemi family, Avanzi family (INT)

11:30am: Ann Reilly (RIP), Ginika Anakor (Birthday) (INT)

6:30pm: Volunteers of the Parish

Mon 29th Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels 12 noon: Carlos Avanzi, Miranda Avanzi (RIP)

Tue 30th St Jerome 12 noon: Bingo Club members (INT)

Wed 1st St Therese of the Child Jesus 12 noon: Alf Humphreys (39th) (ANN)

Thurs 2nd Holy Guardian Angels 12 noon: Tom Carr, Rita Finley (ANN)
5pm : *Repatriation Mass For Noel Rooney*

Fri 3rd 12 noon: *First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour / Benediction*

Sat 4th St Francis of Assisi 12 noon: People of the Parish

Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Prince Henshaw, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Padra Williams, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Private Intentions, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enechizena CSSp, Fr Augustine Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp, John Duong CSSp

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Confessions Sat.11am, 6pm, before Masses **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am

Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays 12noon **Prayer/Faith Group:** Sat. 10am

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

September Diary

Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
 Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room**
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**
 Every 1st Friday 12 noon: **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room 7.45pm. Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room.**

DIARY DATES

25th October: Parish Auction Event
12th December: Parish Community Carol Concert
14th December : Volunteers Mass @ 11.30am
21st December: Nativity Rehearsal starts.

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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Believe you can and you are half way there."

"Everyday I learn, I improve."

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

O God who manifest your almighty power above all pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

FIRST READING (Amos 6 : 1a 4-7)

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps (146)145 6c-7)

R. My soul, give praise to the LORD.

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free.

R

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger.

R

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age.

R

SECOND READING (1 Timothy 6:11-14)

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good con-

fession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 16:19-31)

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to

whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (For Online Mass)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Olga M	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G & Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise You, We bless You,
We adore you, We glorify You,
We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*all bon*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy & Catechism
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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